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SUBJ: CDS TO STAY IN CAMPAIGN

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1. AT MAR 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY (CDS) DECIDED AFTER HEATED DEBATE TO CONTINUE THEIR ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

2. CDS ACCUSED MDP AND COMMUNISTS ON MAR 21 OF THREATENING TO KIDNAP CDS MEMBERS. INTIMIDATION AGAINST CDS HAD REACHED
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POINT THAT LEADERSHIP NO LONGER SLEEPS AT HOME AND CDS ELECTION

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CANDIDATES WERE WITHDRAWING THEIR NAMES FOR FEAR OF VIOLENCE OR LOSING THEIR JOBS.

3. CDS HAS FIVE DAYS IN WHICH TO COMPLETE ELECTORAL LISTS LEFT UNFILLED BY SUSPENSION FROM CAMPAIGN OF ITS ELECTION PARTNER, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

4. COMMENT: PS AND PPD WILL HEAVE SIGN OF RELIEF AT CDS DECISION. THEY FEARED FINDING THEMSELVES ON THE LONELY AND VULNERABLE RIGHT, THE OBJECT OF A SMEAR CAMPAIGN DESCRIBING THEM AS FASCISTS AND REACTIONARIES.

5. ABILITY OF CDS TO CAMPAIGN (REFTEL) WILL BE GREATLY LIMITED UNLESS GOP SUDDENLY REVERSES COURSE AND DECIDES TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION TO CDS.

6. CDS NOW ENGAGED IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO GENERATE SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE PORTUGAL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH THE UNBRELLA OF FOREIGN PROTECTION AGAINST FAR LEFT EFFORTS TO DESTROY THEM. CARLUCCI

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